

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Previously presented) In a wireless communication system in which a mobile station engages in a call via air interface communication with a base station, a method comprising:

the base station making a determination that the call has been dropped; and
responsively determining a call-drop location of the mobile station,
wherein the wireless communication system comprises position determining equipment (PDE); and

wherein determining the call-drop location comprises the base station sending a position request to the PDE to determine the location of the mobile station, the position request including a mobile identification number (MIN) identifying the mobile station.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing the call-drop location in the network entity.

4-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein making the determination that the call in which the mobile station was engaged has been dropped comprises determining, at the

base station, that a duration of bad frames received from the mobile station is greater than a threshold level.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein making the determination that the call in which the mobile station was engaged has been dropped comprises the base station determining that the call cannot be handed off to another cell-site.

11-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously presented) A system comprising:
a mobile station;
a base station communicatively coupled to the mobile station;
wherein the mobile station is arranged to engage in a call over an air interface; and
wherein the base station is arranged to:
(i) make a determination that the call in which the mobile station was engaged has been dropped;
(ii) responsively cause position determining equipment (PDE) to determine a call-drop location of the mobile station.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently amended) The system of claim 21, wherein the ~~network entity~~ base station being arranged to make the determination that the call in which the mobile station was

engaged has been dropped comprises the ~~network-entity~~ base station being arranged to make the determination that a duration of bad frames received from the mobile station is greater than a threshold level.

24. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the threshold level is twenty bad frames.

25. (Currently amended) The system of claim 21,
wherein the ~~network-entity~~ base station comprises memory; and
wherein the ~~network-entity~~ base station is further arranged to store the call-drop location in the memory to thereby log locations of call drop events.

26. (Currently amended) The system of claim 21, wherein the ~~network-entity~~ base station being arranged to make the determination that the call in which the mobile station was engaged has been dropped comprises the ~~network-entity~~ base station being arranged to make the determination that the call cannot be handed off to another a cell-site.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Original) A base station comprising:
a first routine to make a determination that a call in which a mobile station was engaged has been dropped; and

a second routine to responsively cause position determining equipment (PDE) to determine a call-drop location of the mobile station.

29. (Previously presented) A system comprising:

a mobile station;

a base station communicatively coupled to the mobile station;

wherein the mobile station is arranged to engage in a call over an air interface; and

wherein the base station is arranged to:

(i) make a determination that the call in which the mobile station was engaged has been dropped;

(ii) responsively cause position determining equipment (PDE) to determine a call-drop location of the mobile station by:

sending a location request to a mobile switching center (MSC), the location request including an ID identifying the mobile station;

the MSC sending a position request to a mobile positioning center (MPC);

the MPC forwarding the position request to the PDE; and

the PDE responsively determining the location of the mobile station.